

RAFT PROSPECTS

Feeling Message Home

Arguing That Exemptions

Be Not Claimed

BANKS MUST BE SWELLED

Letter to Fight in France Now,

They Say, Than Defensively

Later at Home

By J. W. PEGLER

THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, July 31.

To the Americans back home who today are being called up for the draft army, the message is: "Don't let the banks be swelled."

We didn't hesitate to offer everything we had. We are confident those who stayed at home will obey their conscience and waive all exemption claims unless of the utmost necessity.

The message was the composite view expressed by scores of the American fighters here today. Sammes isn't an irresponsible individual; he has been a lot of things. It is noticeable here at the training camp that the general demeanor of America's fighting forces is seriously earnest. That they aren't cheerful, but they are responsible. Nearly all realize their numbers must be swelled to hundreds of thousands; that many will die and many more will be maimed. And they conclude they would rather be fighting in France right now than fighting a defensive fight in America later.

Yesterday the camp was thrilled by its commander-in-chief's first inspection. The Sammes were not surprised at General Pershing's approaching visit until the last moment. Monday morning they turned out far ahead of the usual reveille time and worked their hardest putting their picturesque whitewashed billets in order and cleaning up the little villages where they are located.

Your correspondent journeyed from Paris with Pershing's staff. As the train paused at one station, a company of American soldiers were entraining. The company was French and tumultuously cheered. Then they scurried over to the running board of our train and with ecstatic whoops of rejoicing clasped hands with their American brothers in arms. The most genuine feeling of comradeship and affection has sprung up between the poilus and the Sammes. The French villagers likewise adore the American fighters. The salutation "Allô, Sammes" is a familiar one now.

Every American regiment has had doled out to it a supply of white flour temporarily to supply its own bread, biscuits and butter. Later an enormous army bakery will be erected to supply all troops.

COMBATTIMENTI MINORI

SUL FRONTE TRIDENTINO

GH Italiani Fanno Prigionieri Durante Scontri Vittoriosi tra Reparti in Ricognizione

ROMA, 31 Luglio. Le forze inglesi del maresciallo Haig hanno iniziato oggi la loro grande offensiva sulla fronte delle Fiandre. Il Comando inglese annuncia che gli inglesi hanno conseguito i loro primi obiettivi e che la battaglia procede in modo soddisfacente. Sono stati catturati un gran numero di prigionieri. Nel tempo medesimo anche le forze del generale Potain hanno preso l'offensiva su di una breve fronte sullo Chemin des Dames, ed il Comando annuncia che tutti gli obiettivi sono stati raggiunti.

ROMA, 31 Luglio. Ieri sera il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna circa la situazione alla fronte italo-austriaca: "Si è avuta notevole attività nella giornata di ieri in vari punti della fronte tridentina. Piccoli combattimenti si sono avuti a nostro vantaggio nell'alta Val Pusteria. Ad est del Lago di Garda, nella valle del San Pellegrino e sul Monte Piana noi prendemmo alcuni prigionieri. Il duello delle artiglierie fu piuttosto accentratissimo nella Val Lagarina (Valle dell'Adige)."

Sulla fronte Giulia si è avuta considerevole attività delle squadriglie aeree. Una macchina nemica fu abbattuta da un nostro aviatore ad est di Tolmino. Un telegramma da Berna dice che recentemente il conte Cernin, richiese l'impiego Carlo, aveva fatto passi presso il Vaticano per ottenere che il papa prendesse l'iniziativa per una generale sulla base dell'integrità della Duplice Monarchia austro-ungarica. Però, la richiesta non ha avuto fortuna perché il papa ha rifiutato di fare una simile proposta all'Italia ed alle altre nazioni alleate.

A Londra, nella Camera dei Comuni, il deputato liberale John Annan Bryce, alludendo alla recente dichiarazione di lord Cecil che lo smembramento completo dell'Austria non era uno degli obiettivi principali dell'Inghilterra, disse che questa dichiarazione creava difficoltà tra gli alleati, giacché gli impegni assunti dall'Inghilterra verso gli alleati non potrebbero essere mantenuti se l'impero austro-ungarico dovesse rimanere intatto o quasi. Mr. Bryce aggiunse che l'Italia, sulla base degli accordi precedenti, non potrebbe contentarsi semplicemente di una revisione della sua frontiera del Trentino.

MALCONTENTO IN UNGERIA. Intanto un giornale radicale di Budapest, il Világ, afferma che gli ungheresi sono irritati per la maniera come la popolazione di Fiume è trattata dall'Austria. Il commercio della città è paralizzato completamente, la città è rovinata economicamente, e la autorità austriache perseguitano i cittadini accusandoli di spionaggio.

Il giornale dice che queste affermazioni sono suffragate da quanto ha dichiarato un "plu" non "sordenti" di Fiume, il signor Pathany, il quale ha detto che "un po' di carità" salverebbe la città dalla "mano del governatore" e che la voce che "il governatore Zoltan sarebbe stato rinchiuso" è falsa. Il governatore ha finito di inscrivere gli "alibi" giacché, sotto il governatore di Fiume, sotto il regime del terrore.

Da Vienna che una interpellanza presentata al Reichstag dal deputato austriaco l'uso della lingua italiana nella città di Fiume, ha fatto che il governatore austriaco, Biondi, dice nella sua interpellanza che la autorità austriache e militari usano la lingua italiana che è "una lingua delle scuole militari, negli istituti e tra i marinai che prestano servizio in Italia".

La commissione incaricata dall'Austria di esaminare l'interpellanza non s'è ancora pronunciata. Il carattere nazionale della questione è evidente.

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Il ministro degli Esteri, signor Tittoni, ha fatto un rapporto al Consiglio d'Europa e dal dr. Anle Tumbler, presidente del comitato alavo meridionale. L'accordo dichiara che serbi, croati e sloveni formano una sola nazione ora divisa nella sola Austria-Ungheria in undici amministrazioni provinciali e tre-dici corpi legislativi. L'accordo dichiara che serbi, croati e sloveni formeranno un solo stato indipendente, una monarchia costituzionale democratica sotto il Kara-georgievic, con una sola bandiera e con diritti uguali per gli alfabeti latino e cirillico, libertà di religione, auto-governo universale ed eguaglianza dei cittadini. Sembra che le truppe russe abbiano finalmente deciso di opporsi alla ulteriore avanzata degli austro-tedeschi, perché, esibendo questi abbiano passato la frontiera russa in gran numero. Berlino annuncia che i russi mantengono le alture ad est del fiume Zbrova.

U. S. MAN MAY ALTER

ARTILLERY WARFARE

Claims That Invention Will Mathematically Locate Cannon by Sound

WASHINGTON, July 31. An ingenious American man again been given credit for another revolutionary invention, this time one which is calculated to upset the whole theory of artillery battles. The invention, the name of which must be kept secret for military reasons, is based upon another invention perfected by the United States Bureau of Standards, the decimeter, an instrument which is used to tell the location of any noise-producing body by the decrement of the air waves produced.

By means of the invention, which is now in actual use on the French front, it is possible to tell the exact location of a German cannon, even when it cannot be seen or heard. It is possible to judge, even at a distance of eight miles, so accurately the position of an enemy gun that a shell can be placed within fifty feet of the cannon aimed at.

The instrument now in use is set up at a certain point on the French line and the actual distance to the enemy cannon is judged by the decreasing air waves. From another instrument at another point in the French line a similar reading is given, so that with the two instruments and the German cannon a triangle is formed. By determining the exact distance from the two instruments to the German cannon its position can be found. A shell is fired from a French cannon and the position at which it strikes can again be determined by use of the new American instrument. If the aim is inaccurate it can be corrected until the German cannon is destroyed.

This instrument is so revolutionary in its practical application that when it is placed in use along the entire western front, officials say, the use of airplanes as locators of enemy artillery will be done away with.

Reading Council to Consider Piggy Reading, July 31.—The fate of Reading's proposed piggy will be settled at the Wednesday meeting of Council, according to predictions of those well posted on City Hall affairs. The caucus yesterday afternoon broke up with the understanding that Joseph Serence, manager of the Flat Rock Farms, near Philadelphia, should submit his proposals to the Council in writing, after which action would be taken. The piggy is to be established on a farm at Tuckerton.

Exemption Bribe Efforts Reported NEW YORK, July 31.—Numerous complaints against draft registrants who attempt to bribe exemption board members have been received by the Federal authorities here. Roscoe Conkling, deputy attorney general, declared today he had turned all complaints over to the United States marshal.

What to Buy, What Not, in City's Produce Market

ABUNDANT	
Tomatoes	Beets
Squash	Carrots
Green corn	Rhubarb
Cucumbers	Scallions
Komatoes	Watermelons
Cabbage	Potatoes
Onions	
NORMAL	
Tomatoes	Lemons
Eggplant	Gooseberries
String beans	Blackberries
Garlic	Raspberries
Okra	Currants
Parsley	Celery
Peppers	Lettuce
Oranges	Huckleberries
SCARCE	
Plums	Peaches
Cherries	Cantaloupes
Bananas	Pineapples
New harvest apples	Grapes
Kale	Lima beans
	Peas
	Spinach

WHOLESALE FISH MARKET Demand light, good supply. This is probably due to hot weather, yet this is just the time when fish may well be substituted for meat.

	Cents.
Dressed weak, medium.....	5@ 6
Dressed weak, large.....	8@ 9
Round trout.....	3@ 4
Croakers.....	3@ 4
Porgies.....	6@ 7
Sea bass.....	7@ 8
Butterfish, large.....	5@ 6
Halibut.....	22
Steak cod.....	11@12
Flukes.....	8@10
Large hake.....	8@ 9
Medium hake.....	7@ 8
Bluefish.....	25
Dressed eels.....	12@14
Haddock.....	8@ 9
Dressed salmon.....	21
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ANTHRACITE OUTPUT SHOWS DECREASE

Decline in Shipments, but Increase in Local Sales Also Indicated

WASHINGTON, July 31. The anthracite mined in 1916 amounted to 78,195,083 gross tons, valued at \$202,099,561, a decrease in quantity of 1.6 per cent and an increase in value of 9.4 per cent compared with 1915. The shipments decreased 1.7 per cent—from 88,666,456 gross tons in 1915 to 87,501,563 tons in 1916. The shipments of prepared coal of sizes above pea size were 7,529,804 tons, a decrease of 8.4 per cent; and the shipment of steam sizes smaller than pea were 19,233,344 tons, a decrease of but .05 per cent compared with 1915. There was an increase of nearly 4 per cent in the quantity of anthracite sold locally and used by employees and a decrease of 2.4 per cent in the quantity used for mine fuel. The compilation of these statistics has just been completed by C. E. Leaser, of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

There was a large decrease in the number of men employed in the production of anthracite in 1916, and the output was maintained only through an increase in the number of working days. The number of men employed in 1914 was 175,679; in 1915, 176,582, and in 1916, 159,869. The average number of days worked was 245 in 1914, 230 in 1915 and 243 in 1916. The average output per man per day in 1914 was 1.84 gross tons; in 1915, 1.96 tons, and in 1916, 1.93 tons. The average output per employee for the year was 451 tons in 1914, 460 tons in 1915 and 489 tons in 1916.

RAILROADS AND SHOPMEN ADJUST THEIR TROUBLES

Wages and Hours Controversy Involving 40,000 Workers Settled Through Secretary of Labor

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Secretary of Labor Wilson today announced a settlement in the differences between 40,000 shopmen of nineteen southeastern railways and the railway managers. Secretary Wilson acted in the capacity of arbitrator in the dispute which arose over wages and hours.

No announcement has been made yet of the terms of the settlement, but they are understood to favor the men.

Cuba Hands Over German Ships to U.S. WASHINGTON, July 31.—The United States has accepted the proffer of the five German ships interned in Cuban waters. The ships were tendered shortly after Cuba declared war on Germany. Their tonnage is considerable.



HENRI BAZIN He has been officially credited as the EVENING LEDGER correspondent with General Pershing's army in France.

Heat and Boze Kill Man LANCASTER, Pa., July 31.—Frank B. Kelly, forty-three years old, of Lancaster, was found dead in a cell of the police station today. The coroner's verdict was that he died from the heat and acute alcoholism. Kelly was arrested last evening for drunkenness. Refusing to give his name, his identity was only learned through a relative seeing the body.

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"We can make most anything a destroyer wants—from an anchor to a needle." An American sailor doing his bit aboard the big parent ship that looks after the brood of destroyers delivered himself of this tribute to the great war vessel as he fled away at a big piece of brass. The metal had been cast right there on the ship to make a propeller for a small boat, and he was now taking off some of the rough edges. The destroyer that wanted that propeller didn't have to go ashore to get the work done. Instead, the order was sent to the floating workshop, which was turning out the screw in quick time and with the very best guarantee of superior workmanship. On another deck William Cline, ex-chef at

some of the most expensive hotels in America, was standing at his table ladling food for lusty young American sailors. Stewards were filling to his table with empty trays, having them refilled and then scurrying back to the messroom, where hungry youngsters moved in a cafeteria line to get their lunch.

"I cooked in hotels in Atlantic City where they charged fancy high prices," said Cline, "but the food was no better than what we are serving this minute to the boys on this ship."

Rations are unknown. The luncheon bill was: Vegetable soup, cold ham and beef, plenty of bread and butter, tapioca pudding and coffee. The sailor Oliver Twist may keep on coming back for more till he has had enough.

This luncheon bill included an item that King George and Lloyd George do not have today—pure white bread. The big flour mags are stuffed with sacks of unadulterated flour and when the white-clad bakers have cleaned up the last of it there will be more coming from the United States.

The parent ship supplies the destroyers with bread. It also contains the department store where sailors replenish their lockers. There is a barber shop fitted out with white-enamelled equipment. And there is a hospital where human repairs go on while the workshops are fixing damaged vessels. There's a laundry, a bank, a post-office, a miniature ice-cream factory, an electrical shop a carpenter shop—there's even a jail for offending citizens of the floating community. The submarine-hunting parent ship the best American movies—often better than those shown at

night in the single movie show which this base town supports. The English would call her a depot ship. To the American navy she is a parent ship and the submarine fight over here has proved the foresight of her builders.

12,000 Welsh Miners on Strike LONDON, July 31.—Twelve thousand colliery workers are idle in South Wales. The causes of the dispute seem trifling.

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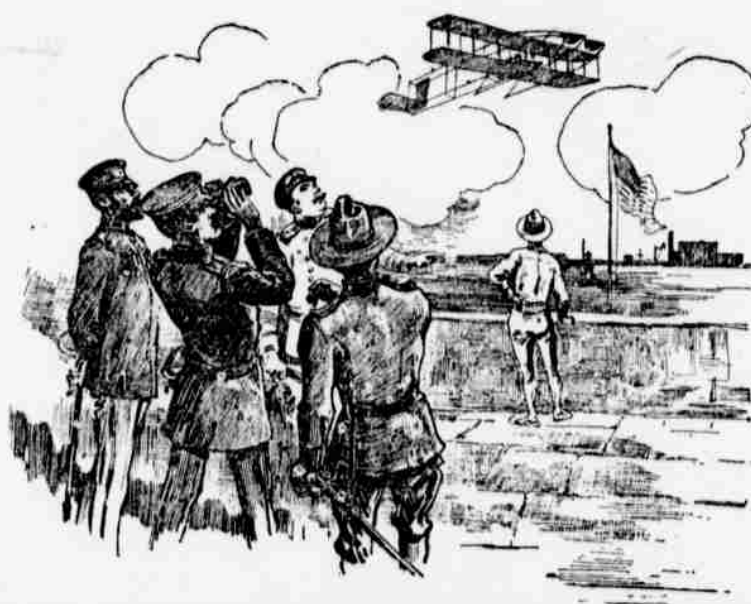
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